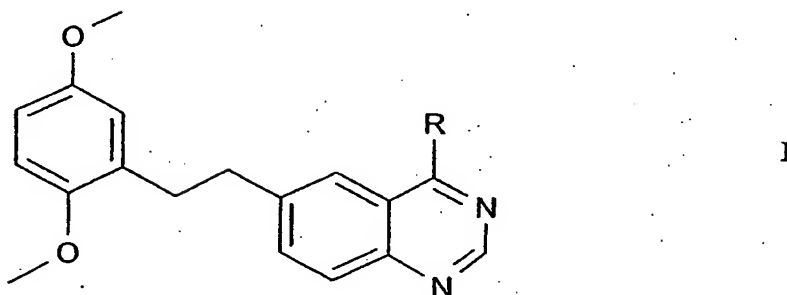


Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A topical pharmaceutical composition comprising a lavendustin derivative of formula I



wherein R is methyl, methoxy or ethyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an emollient.

Claim 2 (original): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the emollient isopropyl myristate.

Claim 3 (original): A composition according to claim 1 in the form of an emulsion.

Claim 4 (original): A composition according to claim 3 in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A topical pharmaceutical composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1 which avoids high local concentration of the lavendustin in the skin or mucous membrane and is well tolerated.

Claim 6 (original): A process for the preparation of a composition according to claim 1, comprising dissolving a lavendustin derivative of formula I as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in emollient and optionally further lipophilic components such as consistency agents, if present, preferably at elevated temperature, e.g. at from about 60 to about 80 °C, and adding the water phase, if present, under stirring and homogenization.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 for use in the treatment of hyperproliferative disorders such as actinic keratosis, anogenital warts and seborrheic keratosis, and skin cancer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Use of a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of hyperproliferative disorders such as actinic keratosis, anogenital warts and seborrheic keratosis, and skin cancer.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of treatment of hyperproliferative disorders such as actinic keratosis, anogenital warts and seborrheic keratosis, and skin cancer comprising administering a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 to the skin or mucous membrane of a patient in need thereof.